Graduate Certificate in Public Utility Management and Regulation

The purpose of the Graduate Certificate in Public Utility Management and Regulation is to provide both professionals and graduate students considering careers in regulation to have the tools to compete for potential jobs.

Upon successful completion of this certificate program, a student will:

1. Be knowledgeable in the history, evolution and the basic concepts central to the regulations of the utilities industry.
2. Be knowledgeable in the regulatory issues confronting state regulatory agencies.
3. Be knowledgeable in the design and decision-making aspects of rate cases and policy analysis of current regulatory issues.
4. Be able to conduct basic research and be knowledgeable as to where to find qualified data/resources to interpret the impact of alternative policies on customers of utilities and the financial conditions of utilities.

Entrance and Course Requirements

Admission to the Masters of Accountancy Certificate in Public Utility Management and Regulation will be granted by the department faculty on the basis of an evaluation of an applicant's complete file. Admission is limited by enrollment capacity. Students who have already been admitted into the UIS graduate programs of Accounting, MBA, MIS and Public Administration will automatically be admitted in the certificate program upon receipt of the Change of Curriculum Form. Professionals in the industry who hold a bachelor's degree in some field and need additional training in these topics so as to progress in their careers must provide the following:

1. A graduate non-degree seeking application (with the certificate designated).
2. Official undergraduate transcripts with degree documentation.
3. A 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA of better, or substantial experience and responsibility in a field related to the area of study, as documented by a current resume.

Curricular Structure and Delivery

Candidates for the certificate will be expected to complete course requirements with cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. The curriculum will include three (3) required courses that will provide in-depth skills in business functional areas relevant to public utility industry and the Capstone class which will address current topics and policy issues in the industry.

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